

English I: Unit 02B

Writing Appetizer

- Purpose:** Writing Appetizers serve to help students develop writing fluency and voice while generating ideas for future writing.
- Time:** 5-10 minutes
- Description:** The writing appetizer is a short 5-10 minute exercise to get the students to generate ideas for future writing endeavors. This continued practice will reinforce the need for a theme in the essays they write. It is recommended that within this time, students are given the opportunity to share their ideas with a partner or with the class. Having an audience is an important part of being a writer.
- Preparation :** Implementing the Writing Appetizer is explicitly taught in Unit 1. You will find “Writing Appetizers” addressed in various Unit 2B daily lessons focusing on the Reading Component. Identify the expectation for the appetizer and instruct students to begin immediately upon entering the classroom. It is recommended that you set a timer for no more than 10 minutes to ensure that there is plenty of time left for the standards addressed during the Reading Component.
- Suggested Writing Appetizer Prompts. Instruct the students to respond to them in their Writer's Notebook.
- Topic 1
If a play was made about your life, who would you want to play you? Respond to each question in complete sentences.
- Topic 2
What life lesson have you had to learn over and over again? Explain and give examples from your life.
- Topic 3
Which character in the drama we are currently reading do you most identify with? Explain your answer and give examples from your life.
- Topic 4
What is a theme for the drama we are reading? Explain using textual evidence.